

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	:	
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CARLSON, <i>et al.</i>	:	
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Serial No. 09/641,101	:	
	:	Examiner Keasel, E.
Filed August 17, 2000	:	Art Unit 3754
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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Response to Final Office Action**

Sir:

Kindly enter this Response to amendment in response to the final Office Action dated, April 4, 2006.

Each of the included sections of this amendment is presented below on successive, sequentially-numbered sheets. Each section begins and ends on a sheet reserved to it.

Applicants request an extension for one month to permit entry of this amendment, which is believed to place the application in condition for allowance.

**(1) INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-9, all of the claims pending in this application, are respectfully requested.

No claims have been added.

All claims other than original claims 1-9 have been canceled.

No drawing corrections should now be required as the request for them related wholly to claims which have now been canceled.